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1. a. Usually two freight trains daily, rarely only one freight train, loaded with tanks came from Chelyabinsk and passed the brickyard during 1947. The trains had about 60 railroad cars. One tank was on each car.

b. According to the information the largest tank shipments on this railroad line had been in June 1946, when between six and eight freight trains with tanks allegedly passed the railroad line daily in the same direction.

c. From February to May 1943 only one freight train with tanks coming from Chelyabinsk passed this line daily. The shipments only rarely increased to two freight trains daily.

2. There were three types of tanks being shipped at the time of observation:

a. T 34 with the characteristic chassis.

b. T 43 with the chassis of the T 34 and the turret of the KV-1 as well as a 76.2-mm gun.

c. Stalin tank with six bogie wheels and three track-supporting rolls. The turret was armed with a 122-mm gun.

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